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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you following the government's recent announcement that signals the start of a phased return to schools in England. This phased opening will start with Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6.

In line with the guidance and after consultation with key stakeholders, we have decided to start with the older children first. Therefore, our phased return will begin next week on **Monday 8th June with Year 6 children only, followed by Year 1 children on Monday 15th June and lastly Reception class on Monday 22nd June.**

In the meantime provision for the key worker and vulnerable children will continue as before. I would like to emphasise that the safety of children and staff remains of paramount concern. We are therefore currently making risk assessments based on our own circumstances around space, staffing numbers and availability to be able to meet the stringent requirements to reopen. As and when children do return to school, it will by no means be in 'normal' circumstances, I want to make this very clear from the start; school will be very different.

I would like parents to know that there is no expectation for you to send your children back to school, this is a family decision, and there will be no pressure to attend. If families make the decision that your child is safer at home then we respect that decision, no one will be penalised for non-attendance at this time. However, once you have made your decision, then you must stick to it. Teachers have already been in touch with families and we now have a confirmed number for each year group. The deadline for informing schools is Wednesday 3rd June.

Children with conditions which render them clinically extremely vulnerable **should not** attend school. Children who live with someone with conditions which render them clinically extremely vulnerable **should not** attend school.

Preparations to implement protective measures outlined by the Government.

Based on the latest guidance, we have to introduce strict social distancing measures, which I'm sure you can imagine is extremely difficult. Although the Government have recognised that social distances for younger children is extremely difficult, we have nevertheless been busy at school ensuring that appropriate adjustments are made.





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Enhanced hygiene

A number of measures have been put into place to ensure ultimate hygiene for prevention of infection in school. However, we are requesting that parents also play their role in ensuring good hygiene routines at home. On this note, we have made the following amendments to our home/school contract:

- No uniform
- No PE kit required
- No toys, gadgets or books from home
- Children to shower and change clothes daily
- Children to change into pumps when indoors
- If you have a suspected or confirmed COVID -19 case in your family, then you must notify the school office ASAP.

School dinners

Hot meals will **not** be provided but instead we will prepare 'Grab Bags' for those children who are entitled to universal school meals. For our Free School Meal children, we will continue with the vouchers and therefore expect parents to send packed lunches. The same is requested for parents who pay for school meals.


Parent Zones

In the current circumstances, we will not allow parents into the school building. We will therefore mark 'drop off' and 'pick up' zones for parents. The zones will be signposted and children will be collected from these zones by an allocated member of staff who will also escort them to the zones at home time. We also request that you apply consistency as to which family member will drop off and collect. We will not allow changes on a daily or weekly basis.




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Curriculum

Given that the children have had a long time away from school, there will now be more of a structure to the school day. The children will be taught core and foundation subjects with an emphasis on catch up and transition. Online learning will continue for the children who are not attending school.

We will continue with our reminders and updates via our texting service and website. If you have any further questions please call the school office on **01924 325265 or 07907025710**.

Until next time please take care and stay safe.

R.A Mahmood

(Head teacher)

